



THE
FIRST HEBREW-CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA,
No. 17 ST. MARK'S PLACE, NEW YORK CITY.

Hebrew-Christian Work.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Friends of Israel:—

The Work was never more solid, or its possibilities more encouraging. We have cleared our premises of all debt, and by a continuance of the practical fellowship of the Lord's people, much can be done in the future. The past years have been largely occupied in preparation for work, and on the foundation that has been thus laid much real solid work can be done. The Lord has given testimony to the word of His grace in the conversion of some who are well fitted in every way to become themselves centres of activity among the Jewish people.

Our ex-Rabbi, who, with his whole family, has been converted and baptized here, is now engaged in active Christian work among the Jews in this city in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

The young men converted and baptized here, and whom we are helping to an education and fitness for Christian work in the various seminaries, colleges and schools, are doing well. Gratifying reports are received concerning them, and we cannot but feel that it pays better to invest in souls than in stocks. Will our friends keep this part of our Work before them in their prayers and sympathies.

NO CHANGE IN THE CHARACTER OF THE WORK.

The wisdom of the Board of Trustees as to the Work being carried on in its undenominational character in the future as in the past has been more than justified by the responses received from a large number of our friends, in the form of letters, and expressions of practical help. For ourselves, we are willing to have it so, and, as in the past, to go on trusting the Lord.

Will our friends continue to pray for us and for the Work, and add to this the practical help needed in order to make our work the highest success?

In sending money, please observe as heretofore, the difference between what is for the "Work" as a whole, and what is intended for "Personal Use." This is necessary, inasmuch as the various workers are paid for their services out of what is given for the Work, I myself being the only one having no stated salary.

REV. JACOB FRESHMAN,
No. 17 St. Mark's Place,
New York, N. Y.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

We have preaching in English in our "pretty little church" every Sunday evening.

The Sermon is followed by an after-meeting at which we hear testimonies from the Hebrew converts. Christian people, who occasionally come to this service, are always interested and delighted.

THE PRAYER MEETING EVERY FRIDAY EVENING IS WELL ATTENDED AND FULL OF SPIRITUAL POWER.

The room was very well filled with Hebrews, who gathered about the table in a sociable manner. Mr. Freshman read the first two verses of the sixty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, and explained it with great care. His listeners were in a very teachable mood, quite the reverse of the opposition which they are wont to manifest ; for it is no unusual thing for them to angrily contradict and question every statement made. But this evening the Holy Spirit was evidently present to enforce upon their hearts the truths spoken.

(FROM ANSWERS TO PRAYER.)

REMARKABLE ANSWERS TO PRAYER IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF THE
LORD AMONG THE JEWS IN NEW YORK

There have been seasons in our financial struggle, so dark and trying, that we scarcely knew which way to turn; all we could do was to cling to God.

One morning, my good wife and I sat at breakfast, there was nothing in the house for dinner, and I had no money; after family worship I went into my study, took up my Scripture Text Book, and read the verse for that day, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." I wept tears of joy and felt that God would help us. About an hour after, the postman brought a letter containing a check for \$25. The gentleman wrote, "I thought you might need this just now." Ah! he knew nothing of our great need, but God did, and had it ready for our use.

On another occasion I was not only without money, but needed \$100 to meet an engagement, and lo! in good season, we received just the amount from a friend in another city, whose means are spent for the glory of God. On receiving this Mrs. Freshman exclaimed, "Can we ever doubt God again?"

HOW THE LORD PROVIDED.

While our Building was in process of reconstruction, we were obliged, according to our agreement, to pay the builder \$1,000 on a certain date. At the same time we had to meet a bill of \$240.

It was impossible after a week of most strenuous labor to get together even the smaller sum. We realized that if help came it must be from above. We cast ourselves upon God, and as we did so these words came very forcibly to our mind: "At the beginning of thy supplication the commandment came forth."—Dan. 9:23. We felt that the God of Daniel lives to-day, and that at the beginning of *our* supplication, He could give commandment to one of His angels to go forth, and touch the heart of some child of His to whom He had entrusted worldly goods—and send us a check for \$1,000—why not? We believed God could do it, this was His work and we held on to Him. Saturday evening came (Monday was the day these payments were to be met) a messenger brought a letter, Mrs. Freshman opened it, we could not but weep tears of joy, for Glory be to God, who heard prayer, there was a check, not only for \$1,000 but for \$1,500. Just like the good Lord.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

"In conclusion, we say that the more we study the living oracles of God, the more we as Christians and engrafted branches on the good olive tree, Rom. 11: 18-32, have reason to be ashamed of our neglect to study the prophetic words of the seers of Israel, and to acknowledge the great bounty and everlasting love which the Lord Jesus Christ has bestowed on us Gentile believers: that we also are counted worthy to become heirs to the grace of God, which is vouchsafed unto us, as belonging to the accepted family of the sons and daughters of God, John 1: 12, and purchased by the blood of the Lamb.

O, what a deep gratitude and fervent love should such gifts kindle in our cold and wandering hearts; that the Lord Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Juda and the root of David, Rev. 5: 5, would come to His own people, the Jews, and that by their rejection, "Salvation has come to the ends of the earth," so that we also may have part and portion with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the great inheritance which is prepared for all who love Jesus, "not seeing, but believing, and rejoicing in Him with joy unspeakable and full of glory," 1 Peter, 1: 8.

What a warning is this for every one of us, to contemplate the great responsibility resting upon us as Christians: That if the righteous Judge of the whole earth has passed by His own people after the flesh (but only for a short time, Isa. 54: 7), because they did not receive Him as their Saviour, and as the only ransom for their sins, "How much the more shall not we escape if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven?" Heb. 12: 25.

And above all, let us feel a heart full of sympathy and love for God's ancient people, the "Jews," now scattered, and peeled, and many wandering as exiles in the earth, as being the children of the Patriarchs, the priests and the kings of Israel. Let our daily prayer be for them, that their time of wandering may speedily come to end, and that the "Morning Star" may soon arise to lead them to their eastern home, Immanuel's land, in the personal coming of their glorious King, upon the throne of David."

OFFERINGS.

Free-will offerings for "THE HEBREW-CHRISTIAN WORK," may be sent to Rev. Jacob Freshman, 17 St. Mark's Place, New York, or to A. D. F. Randolph, Esq., 182 Fifth Avenue, New York.

OBJECTS.

1. The General Mission Work.

For contributions to the above a printed and numbered receipt is sent to the donor.

2. For Mr. Freshman's Personal Use.

We do not receive a salary, but are dependent upon the free-will offerings of the Lord's people. These offerings must be distinctly stated as for *personal use*, otherwise, they will invariably be put into the *General Fund*. All offerings for *personal use* are acknowledged by a private note of thanks to the donor.